As regards the removal of arrack shops at Thuckalai, the Excise Commissioner is of opinion that indiscriminate closing of such shops may lead to clandestine sales. Government are taking steps to try local option within the Changanachery municipal town. The question of the closure of the shops in the other municipal areas may lie over till the result of the experiment at Changanachery is ascertained.

In regard to the establishment of a veterinary hospital at Thuckalai, Government have sanctioned the opening of a veterinary Hospital near the Monday Market at Eraniel. In view of that, the Director of Agriculture is of opinion that a separate veterinary hospital at Thuckalai is not necessary.

As regards the Village Anchal Office that you want at Thuckalai, the Anchal Superintendent says that Thuckalai has of late become a very important and busy centre and he has suggested that the Anchal Office at Padmanabhapuram may be shifted to Thuckalai. But seeing that there is no suitable building at Thuckalai to accommodate the Padmanabhapuram Anchal Office, the Anchal Superintendent has since written that the best thing would be to open a Departmental Anchal Office at Thuckalai with one of the clerks of the Padmanabhapuram Anchal Office as Master. This latter recommendation of the Anchal Superintendent will engage the attention of the Government.

In regard to the opening of an insurance section in the Padmanabhapuram Anchal Office, the insurance system was introduced at first in all the first grade Anchal Offices and is being gradually introduced in the second grade Anchal Offices also. The Anchal Superintendent considers that the time has not yet come to extend the system to offices of a lower grade.

In regard to the removal of the Sub-Registry Office from Thuckalai to Padmanabhapuram Fort, the Director of Registration is of opinion that everything considered, it is not feasible to remove the Sub-Registry Office from Thuckalai to Padmanabhapuram Fort.

99. Needs of the Shencotta Municipality.

MR. L. PUTARJUNA AIYAR (*Member, Municipal Council, Shencotta*) said that the people of Shencotta were suffering untold hardship for want of good drinking water, particularly in the hot season. Very often the paucity of good water resulted in the out-break of cholera and many lives were carried away by the epidemic. The schemes so far proposed for securing a good water-supply for the taluk were all found to be excessively costly. There was, however, a comparatively cheap means of achieving this object. This was by sinking two wells by the river-side, from which water could be lifted to a reservoir and distributed by means of pipes either to villages or to individual houses. Similar schemes were being worked with success in the towns of Madura, Chingleput etc. The cost of the scheme was sure not to exceed a lakh of rupees. But the municipality was too poor to incur this expenditure. Government should therefore contribute the amount either in whole or in part and in the latter case enable the

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mun Your sty to find the remainder by getting for it a loan of the neces-
sary nsider t from, say, the Devaswom Department.

As reg pathway should be opened due east of the Nityakalyaniam-
mang it int on the northern side of the Hanumannadi by acquiring some
smærnmeps of land by the side of the Nanja fields so as to enable dead
bodpreseeing conveniently removed to the cremation ground. The cost
incuy od for the acquisition of the site might be recovered by the sale
of thovland already existing in the locality which was practically unfit
for dcinmunication. The municipality could not do the work, as the
lande proposed to be acquired lay outside municipal limits.

The Dhobikhana situated west of the Suppanchetti bridge should
moved to some place lower down the bathing ghat. The munici-
pality could not do anything in the matter as the present site of the
Dhobikhana was outside the limits of the municipality.

In view of the inaccuracies detected in the last survey of minor circuit areas, the taking of encroachment cases in respect of these areas should be stopped until a re-survey was made.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Putarjuna Aiyar, you have described what great need there is for a proper water supply to the Shencotta town. The subject has been the subject of an interpellation in the Legislative Council and the reply was :

'Now the Council has not yet forwarded its considered proposals in the matter. It is only after r eceiving the proposals from the Council the question can be taken up by Government'.

As regards the opening of a new pathway due east of Nithyakalyani Amman Koil, the Chief Engineer reports that it will cost only Rs. 500, a work that the municipality could do. As you say, however, that the path will be outside the municipal limits the Government will give due consideration to your representation.

As regards the removal of the Dhobikhana, you say that is also outside the municipal limits. The President of the municipality wants Government to take action in the matter. The District Magistrate will be asked to take necessary action.

As regards encroachment cases in respect of minor circuit areas within the Municipality, no doubt it is desirable to have the resurvey for the Shencotta town. But in the 24th session the question was pressed by the Shencotta member and the Dewan gave the following reply :

" In regard to the re-survey of the Shencotta town, the Government have said that it will do so if the Municipality contributes to meet half the cost But your Council is not prepared to do so, and therefore, you must go without it".

100. Needs of Shencotta.

MR. L. PUTARJUNA AIYAR (*Member, Municipal Council, Shencotta*) spoke on the following needs of Shencotta:—

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